

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application. However, in view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objection.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the June 13, 2008 telephone discussion. The substance of the discussions are incorporated into the amendments and remarks herein and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Office Action objects to claims 1, 4, 11, 13-17 and 20-23. In particular, the Office Action asserts that there are no limitations in the claims to provide the support for the specific purpose of manipulating the claim limitations that would produce a transformation of the limitations into a final and useful result. The objection is respectfully traversed. As discussed during the June 13, 2008 telephone discussion, and in the interest of forwarding prosecution of the application, claim 1, for example, is amended to recite that the image processing apparatus and the different image processing apparatus are able to share the sortation memory as a result of the features of the claims, and thus, produce a useful result.

Independent claims 4, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 20-23 are similarly amended.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the objection. In the event that there are any questions concerning this response, or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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